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- 1. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, I BRIEFED HIM ON OUR LATEST REPORTS RE PROGRESS OAU MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA. I NOTED OUR GRATIFICATION AT STRENGTH OF GROUP SEEKING AN AFRICAN SOLUTION RATHER THAN IMPOSITION OF MPLA AND CONGRATULATED HIM ON STRONG EGYPTIAN STAND.
- 2. FAHMY NOTED EGYPT IS ONE OF THE CO-SPONSOR OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR AN AFRICAN SOLUTION. HE PREENED HIMSELF THAT IT IS EGYPT WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LARGE NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES SUPPORTING IT.
- 3. FAHMY RECALLED THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR POLYAKOV HAD CALLED ON HIM TWO DAYS AGO TO URGE THAT EGYPTIAN DEL SUPPORT MPLA AT OAU CONFERENCE. EGYPT, POLYAKOV ALLEGEDLY STATED, IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL AFRICAN STATES AND ITS POSITION WILL INFLUENCE MANY OTHER AFRICAN STATES. HE, FAHMY, HAD TOLD POLYAKOV THAT HE WAS GLAD THE SOVIETS WERE BEGINNING TO APPRECIATE EGYPT'S IMPORTANCE, BUT THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE MPLA. EGYPT WANTS CONFERENCE TO COME UP WITH AN OAU MECHANISM TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM BETWEEN THE SECRET

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THREE WARRING GROUPS.

4. FAHMY ALSO NOTED THAT BOTH PRESIDENT SADAT AND HE ARE RECEIVING NUMEROUS URGENT APPEALS FROM TANZANIANS AND OTHER PRO-MPLA STATES URGING GOE TO SUPPORT MPLA. EGYPTIAN DELEGATION, FAHMY STRESSED, WILL DO IT UTMOST TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION EQUTABLE TO ALL PARTIES. EILTS

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